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Transmission of:

1. A Transmittal Letter for the documents outlined below;
2. A Response to Election of Species Requirement contained in the Office Action of March 20, 2006, along with an authorization to charge any additional required amounts to our Deposit Account No. 500748 in the name of Emery Jamieson; and
3. A Petition for Extension of Time, in duplicate, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), along with an authorization to charge the sum of \$120.00, or any additional required amounts, to our Deposit Account No. 500748 (Emery Jamieson) in support of the Petition for Extension of Time.

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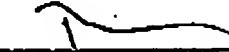
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

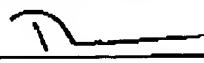
Attached hereto and transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

1. A Response to Election of Species Requirement contained in the Office Action of March 20, 2006, along with an authorization to charge any additional required amounts to our Deposit Account No. 500748 (Emery Jamieson);

2. Two copies of a Petition for Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), along with an authorization to charge the sum of \$120.00, or any additional required amounts, to our Deposit Account No. 500748 (Emery Jamieson) in support of the Petition for Extension of Time.

Respectfully submitted,

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